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SUBJ: KHMER CREDENTIALS AT UNITED NATIONS AND AT UNESCO

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1. AS HE HAD PROMISED, FOREIGN SECRETARIAT UNDERSECRETARY GALLASTEGUI TODAY RESPONDED TO AMBASSADOR'S APPROACH REPORTED REFTEL C. WITH RESPECT TO KHMER QUESTION IN UNESCO, HE SAID GOM AGREES THAT THIS IS A POLITICAL QUESTION TO BE ADDRESSED INITIALLY IN THE UNGA. GALLASTEGUI SAID HE PROPOSES SEND INSTRUCTIONS TO MEXICAN MISSION UNESCO SUPPORTING THIS VIEW, I.E., STATE THAT UNESCO SHOULD NOT ACT ON THIS QUESTION PENDING UNGA ACTION BUT THAT IT SHOULD ABSTAIN ON ACTUAL VOTE. I HAVE URGED THAT HE RECONSIDER AND GIVE US A NEGATIVE VOTE, AS AT UNESCO MATTER CAN BE CONSIDERED PROCEDURAL. HE WILL CONSULT HIS STAFF AND ADVISE LATER.

2. ON SUBSTANCE OF KHMER ISSUE, HOWEVER, GALLASTEGUI SAID GOM WOULD ABSTAIN. MEXICAN POSITION, HE SAID, IS BASED ON PRINCIPLE.

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3. COMMENT: OVER PAST YEAR GOM POSITION ON THIS ISSUE HAS BEEN FIRM, DESPITE REPEATED ATTEMPTS AT VARIOUS LEVELS, INCLUDING AMBASSADOR'S APPROACH TO FOREIGN SECRETARY, TO PERSUADE GOM TO SUPPORT U.S. POSITION. IT IS CLEAR THAT MEXICANS FEEL THIS ISSUE, SO DEAR TO HEARTS OF THIRD WORLD, IS ONE ON WHICH MEXICO SHOULD NOT RISK JEOPARDIZING ITS THIRD WORLD CREDENTIALS.
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